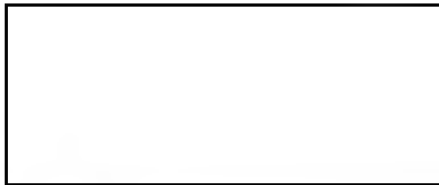
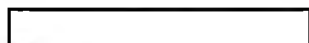


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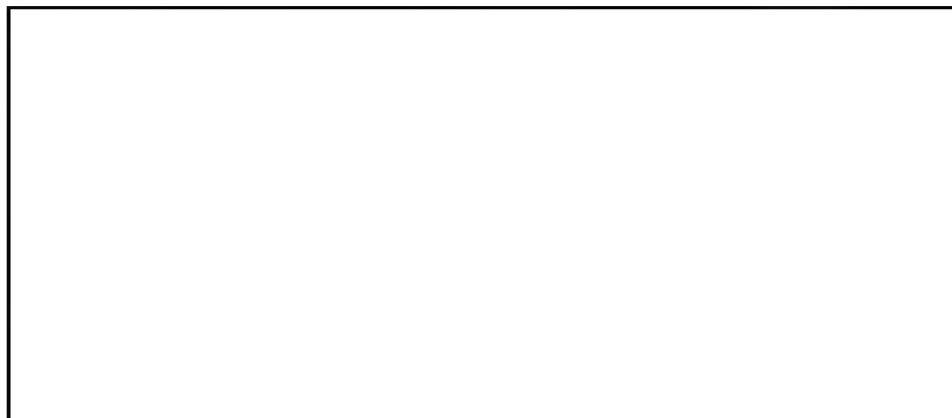
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South Vietnam: Political ferment persists in Saigon. Following the latest Buddhist suicide anti-government leaflets have been circulated by an alleged Buddhist underground movement. Other moves may be planned by antiregime elements to coincide with the forthcoming visit of a UN-sponsored fact-finding mission.

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India: One of India's most powerful politicians, Kamaraj Nadar, has been selected to be president of the Congress Party as part of the plan to invigorate and unify the congress organization.

Kamaraj was the prime mover behind the reorganization, and he will now be able to give drive and authority to the work. The choice of Kamaraj, however, is likely to have conflicting effects on the re-vamping effort.

Factional lines within the party high command are likely to harden. Would-be successors to Nehru will see their prospects threatened by Kamaraj's rise, even though Kamaraj himself is not a serious rival because of his identification with South India and his scant knowledge of English and Hindi.

Nehru may well have given Kamaraj the nod in a calculated attempt to check the influence in the party of Morarji Desai, the conservative who has been a leading contender for Nehru's mantle. The principal beneficiary of a setback for Desai would be L. B. Shastri, [redacted] who usually hews closely to Nehru's line. [redacted]

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Communist China - Algeria: Communist China has offered Algeria a \$50 million long-term interest-free credit for as yet undisclosed uses. Since 1959 the Chinese have made gifts to the Algerians totalling at least \$13.5 million to support Algerian nationalist military activity. Unable to match in scope the USSR's recent \$100 million credit to Algeria, Peiping may well have included some cash in its new offer--it has in similar arrangements with other African countries. The USSR has avoided such a practice in its aid programs.

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North Korea - Bloc: Pyongyang is reported to have recalled virtually all North Korean students studying in the USSR and Eastern Europe. The regime is said to be concerned because students who had earlier returned from these countries had been imbued with "revisionist" ideas and were disruptive elements at home. Many North Korean students reportedly are still studying in Communist China.

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Venezuela: The minister of defense foresees a further increase in terrorist activities. He intimated to the US ambassador on 9 October that the army is having trouble suppressing violence largely because of the government's past laxness. He was gloomy about the future and critical of the general public's lack of cooperation.

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